UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT **DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In Re:

MEDTRONIC, INC.

SPRINT FIDELIS LEADS

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Multidistrict Litigation

No. 08-1905 (RHK/JSM)

Joint Status Report for July 14 Status Conference Pursuant to Order No. 4

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to Order No. 4, the Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel and the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (collectively the "PSC") and counsel for Medtronic, Inc., Medtronic International Technology, Inc. (f/k/a Medtronic Puerto Rico, Inc.), Medtronic USA, Inc., and Medtronic Puerto Rico Operations Co. (collectively, "Medtronic") hereby submit this joint status report and agenda for the upcoming status conference on July 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Summary of Activities Since Last Conference**

Since the initial status conference before this Court on May 28, 2008, the parties have worked diligently to resolve any disagreements and were able to tender to the Court agreed submissions concerning the now entered Protective Order (Order No. 5), the Preservation Order (Order No. 6), and the Court's website introduction. The parties have also conducted several meet and confers concerning ESI issues and expect to have a further dialog on ESI issues to determine whether there are any disputes requiring court intervention. The parties have conferred on several other issues, including (i) a complaint by adoption form for plaintiffs to

adopt the master complaint filed on July 3, 2008 by the PSC which the parties expect to reach agreement on shortly, following which the PSC will submit the agreed order to the Court and a (ii) a revised agreed stipulation concerning electronic service and service of complaints on counsel for defendants, filed with the Court on July 3, 2008 and memorialized in Order No. 7. The PSC filed master complaints for individual actions and for third-party payor claims as per the schedule set by the Court. The parties conferred and filed an updated listing of related pending cases per Order No. 4. In addition, the parties conferred on all items on the Court's agenda as listed in paragraph 22 of Order No. 4.

2. Proposed Agenda

As per paragraphs 21 and 22 of Order No. 4, the parties will be prepared to discuss the following items:

A. Necessity of a plaintiffs' state liaison counsel

As to this item, the parties are in agreement as to the need for some form of plaintiffs' state liaison counsel and agree that further discussion with the Court is appropriate at this time.

B. Other duties of plaintiffs' lead counsel, plaintiffs' steering committee, plaintiffs' liaison counsel, and defendants' liaison counsel

As to this item, the parties agree that the existing orders covering these duties are sufficient at present.

C. Additions or changes to website, including draft Introduction

As to this item, the parties have no proposed additions or changes at this time.

D. <u>Protective Order</u>

The Court has entered Order No. 5, and the parties suggest that there is no need for further discussion of this item at this time.

E. <u>Preservation Order</u>

The Court has entered Order No. 6, and Medtronic has advised the PSC of the scheduled Demonstration Days as per the Order and expect that phase to be complete by early August 2008. As such, the parties suggest that there is no need for further discussion at this time.

F. Tolling Agreement/Tolling Order

The parties did not reach agreement on an overall tolling agreement. The parties' discussions will continue, however, and the parties will advise the Court at or before the next status hearing in August as to any disputes or resolution of the issue of tolling orders or tolling agreements.

G. Common Benefit Attorneys Fund

Plaintiffs believe this issue is premature to discuss at this time.

H. <u>Individual Fact Sheets</u>

The parties generally agree that this item can await further discussion following a ruling on the Defendants' motion to dismiss.

The parties do not propose the addition of any other items to the agenda.

3. Parties' Positions on Disputed Items – The Parties are not presenting any disputes to the Court at this time.

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